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For: PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER  
WITH A LENS, LIGHT-  
EMITTING/RECEIVING  
APPARATUS WITH THE  
PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER  
WITH A LENS, AND METHOD  
OF FABRICATING THE  
PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER  
WITH A LENS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of that cited application is enclosed.

The foreign language documents cited herein are discussed in the specification at pages 1 and 2. Applicant submits that those documents are relevant for the reasons noted in the specification. In addition, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has also enclosed English language abstracts for most of those documents, which were obtained from a commercial database. Applicant was not able to obtain English language abstracts for Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 10-239538 or Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-57001. However, for Application No. 10-239538, Applicant has enclosed a European patent application from the same patent family, which is in English.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

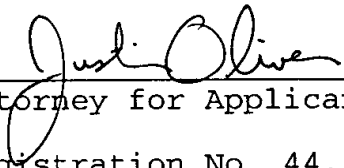
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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